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Vicki Brooker photo

Sunset falls on another year in Elk Point

The setting sun broke through heavy cloud cover on Wednesday, Dec. 31 just in time to paint the clouds over Elk Point's skyline in shades of vivid pink and gold, which according to generations of weather lore, predicts better things to come... just in time for the new year.

Looking back at another year of growth, progress and achievement in Elk Point

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point moved into 2014 after a landmark year of construction, challenges and change, with new housing and industrial buildings going up, downtown businesses being upgraded and enlarged, staff shortages at the health care centre, a new town council with new ideas, and the search on for a new, full-time FCSS director.

Now it's a year later, and while industrial construction has slowed, new residences are still becoming part of the skyline and the lengthy modernization and enlargement of the Elk Point branch of St. Paul and District Co-op is almost complete. The health centre has adequate staffing, town council has dealt with long-standing issues of paving streets in the original industrial park and increasing the capacity of the town's utilities... and yes, Mayor Parrish Tung's goal of a 24/7 water supply has been achieved. The new FCSS director is settled in, and Pengrowth Energy has achieved first steam on their Lindbergh project.

Let's have a look, month by month, at the year just past.

January

MP Brian Storseth confirmed his intention to run in the new Lakeland Riding in 2015... Alberta Health Services stepped up their fight against influenza, adding more clinics to their schedule to provide vaccine to Albertans over six months of age... F. G. Miller High School announced plans to "Slam the door on bullying" by turning Elk Point pink on Anti Bullying Day, Feb. 28... Replacing power-hungry light bulbs with more energy-efficient alternatives at the EcoCentre and researching the possibility of changing the staging area floodlights with LED equivalents were suggested as the chamber of commerce got back to work for a new year... Tradition and time travel combined for a very entertaining performance by Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club at their Malanka celebration... Cenovus rinkmates Jeff Latos, Shane Freeson, Trent Cherry and Trevor Gilby were declared champions at the 31st Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel... The late Pete Stafford, himself a former Oilmen's Bonspiel

winner, was named the Oilman of the Year... Deanna Easthope officially retired after 27 years with FCSS in Red Deer, St. Paul and Elk Point, with her long service honoured at a very authentic English-style tea party.

February

Elk Point 4-H Beef Club competed in communications at their annual speak-off, with senior member Roy Tymko, intermediate Nicole Bristow and junior Macey Ann Marcoux named the winners... Elk Point and district opened their hearts to Kaitlyn Hunter, the teenage victim of a vehicle crash, tying heart-shaped messages of encouragement to a tree of good wishes at a benefit dance arranged by volunteers who had received help from the community in the past and wanted to pay it forward, which they did two weeks later to the tune of \$21,233.94... The 4-H Multi Club public speaking came down to a speak-off between Dana Gibson and Parker Allen for the intermediate win, with Gibson joining her sister, senior speaker Leanna, and Wolke Cueva in the winners' circle... Town council explored new and timesaving options for reading water meters

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Looking back

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St. Paul's Silhouette Dancers headlined the entertainment at Elk Point Allied Arts' fundraising pyrohy supper... Extreme cold hampered work on a broken water main, shut down school buses and sidelined other weekend plans but a large contingent of pink shirted students and staff was still at F. G. Miller High to "Slam the door on bullying," an effort reinforced by businesses whose staff also dressed in pink on an extremely frosty Friday.

March

Mayor Tung introduced a new idea to town council, suggesting the province's new collaboration grant could be used to build a new, larger library to serve the community and surrounding areas... Young scientists from Grades 3 to 6 at Elk Point Elementary School packed two classrooms with experiments ranging from marshmallow guns to erupting volcanoes for the annual Science Fair... "You Can't Take it With You" hit the Arts and Leisure Centre stage as Elk Point Community Choir and Friends presented their 2014 dinner theatre to six appreciative audi-

ences... Skaters large and small showed off their latest moves as the cast of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" as they wrapped up their season with the Ice Carnival... Confident 10-year-old Emma Ellerton came to town council well equipped with handmade brochures and display to present a convincing argument for the establishment of a dog park in Elk Point... The pink shirts came out of the closet again in March for the postponed F. G. Miller flash mob that added another slam on bullying, with musical support from the staff band, "Rock Bottom" and new student band, "April's Fools"... Elk Point's two Novice Avalanche teams battled for the Highway 28 League championship, with James Capjack's Novice Two gang claiming the victory... F. G. Miller hosted St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1's Math Olympics, with students from across the division competing in a variety of events and the host team winning the gold... The Elk Point Review celebrated 30 years of publication... The fourth annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament was as much a homecoming as a hockey tournament,

Road closed

A late February water main break caused major traffic disruptions on 52 Ave. as well as leaving a number of homes without water for more than 48 hours during one of the coldest weels of 2014.

Vicki Brooker photo

with good times adding up to donations for the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation, the arena's Horizon Room, the Kaitlyn Hunter Recovery Fund and the Faceoff for Alzheimer's Hockey Tournament.

April

New FCSS Director Alania Sanregret took over the department, bringing a wealth of knowledge about the agencies that fall under the scope of human services... Elk Point Minor Hockey celebrated a successful year, with Pee wee Avalanche coach David Nazarchuk presenting the Alex Kurash Memorial trophy to Corbin Ockerman in recognition of his improved skills, promotion of the sport and coachability... Good budgeting resulted in a surplus of just over \$312,000 for the County of St. Paul... Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club's spring concert turned a grey afternoon into a kaleidoscope of tradition, music and dance... A near-capacity crowd was 'Abracadazzled' by



a magic show sponsored by the Town of Elk Point, with free admission for all... Town council took a major step to solve a long-standing problem and approved a \$819,000 bid to pave four roads in the industrial park and install overlays on Railway Ave. and 54 Street.

May

The third annual 2nd Chance Trail Ride was a big success, with numerous first-time participants joining the ride to Heinsburg along the Iron Horse Trail and enjoying the dinner, auction and dance that followed... With the EcoCentre's turbine "dead in the wind," the chamber of commerce discussed the possibility of finding it a new location further away from residences but still close enough to collect data for Lakeland College... An extremely realistic 'fatal' crash was no accident, as Elk Point RCMP, firefighters and Victim Services staged the reen-

actment for participants in the P.A.R.T.Y. Program for Grade 10 and 11 students from Elk Point and Myrnam... Town council held the line on mill rates for another year... Roy Tymko showed the grand champion 4-H steer, his sister Heidi the supreme champion female and reserve champion steer and Kailey Wirsta the reserve champion female at Elk Point Beef Club's achievement day... Health Care Centre staffing concerns were addressed when the Physician and Staffing Recruitment and Retention Committee met with Alberta Health vice president of Rural North East Operations Wendy Harrison... Pengrowth Energy Corporation outlined the scope of their thermal heavy oil projects at am open hous in Elk Point... Elk Point Auto Club enjoyed beautiful weather and a big crowd for their annual Show and Shine.

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THE TOWN OF ELK POINT

Notices & Information

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Permit #	Location	Civic	Developer	Development	Decision
14-17	Lot 2, Block 45 Plan 1223731	6105-48 Street	Buildexx	New Shop	Dec. 29/14

Any person claiming to be affected by the decision made by the Development Officer may appeal by writing a NOTICE OF APPEAL to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board, Box 448, Elk Point, Alberta within 14 days from the first publication of this notice giving reasons for the appeal. Such appeal shall be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order in the amount of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars.

Dated this 29th day of Dec. A.D., 2014 Myron J. Goyan, Development Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

To Electors of theTown of Elk Point

BYLAW 732/14
SECTION 251- THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Town of Elk Point, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing By-Law 732/14 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town to borrow monies from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority by way of debenture issue, to pay for the construction of the Treated Water Reservoir.

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to \$1,600,000.00. The net amount to be borrowed on the credit and security of the municipality at large by the issue of debentures is \$1,600,000.00. The debentures are to be repayable to the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation in ten (10) equal consecutive installments of combined principle and interest, the annual interest not to exceed eight per cent (8%), or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Elk Point that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on By-Law 732/14 demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing By-Law.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly. Copies of the proposed Bylaw and related documents may be obtained from:

Town of Elk Point
PO Box 448
Elk Point, Alberta
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780-724-3810

DATED at the Town of Elk Point, in the Province of Alberta, this 22nd day of December, 2014.

Information for Electors

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means

- a person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councillor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Pursuant to Section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if he:

- is at least 18 years old
- is a Canadian citizen, and
- has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and is resident in the area on election day.

A poll may be demanded in the Town of Elk Point by electors equal in number to at least

- in case of a municipality other than summer village, by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10% of the population,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 223 and Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act. The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an identical statement of the purpose of the petition". (Further requirements of the petition are provided in Section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.)

DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 6th day of January, 2015.

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Elk Point RCMP kept busy over Christmas period

**SGT. DAVID CASEY AND
CST. M. CORMACK**

Elk Point RCMP Detachment

Sometime during the week of December 5th through December 13th 2014 a rural residence located south of Elk Point near Township Road 554 and Range Road 72 was the victim of a break and enter. Suspect(s) broke through the locked gate of the property and proceeded to steal items from the shop and residence. Items missing from the property include a Mastercraft riding lawnmower, a Mastercraft snowblower, a 52" Samsung plasma television, a Yamaha six string acoustic guitar, and several pieces of furniture. Assorted tools, jewelry, and fine china dishware are also missing. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at (780) 724-3964.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this or any other crime. You do not have to reveal your identity and if your tip leads to an arrest you qualify for a reward.

On Dec. 9, Elk Point RCMP were conducting a traffic stop with a vehicle on Hwy 897, while engaged with the driver of that vehicle, a southbound vehicle almost struck the officer as it passed. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was arrested for impaired driving.

Shaun Waskahat (39) of Frog Lake has been charged with, impaired driving and dangerous driving.

On Dec. 12, an evening Checkstop was conducted at Hwy 41 and Hwy 29 with K Division Traffic Services from St. Paul and Vermilion. Approximately 100 vehicles were checked, one driver was arrested for outstanding warrants for his arrest, a vehicle was towed as there was no registration/insurance and the driver was not qualified. Several violations tickets were issued for various infractions.

While en route to another location, a vehicle was observed driving across the snow near the Co-op Gas Bar,

the vehicle was stopped and the driver arrested for impaired driving. Tannis Adams (22) of Provost Alberta was charged for impaired driving.

A further Checkstop was conducted in Frog Lake. Approximately 50 vehicles were checked. A driver was arrested for driving while disqualified; a passenger in the vehicle was arrested for outstanding warrants and was remanded into custody after a bail hearing was conducted. Another driver was found to be under the influence of drugs and given a 24-hour suspension.

On Dec. 15, Elk Point RCMP conducted a Checkstop at Hwy 646 and Hwy 41. A Candy Cane Checkstop was done with the members of SADD, Elk Point Fire and Elk Point Ambulance. Approximately 100 vehicles were checked. One driver was given a 24-hour suspension and ticketed for an unregistered vehicle.

On Dec. 16, Elk Point RCMP and the Fishing Lake Métis Settlement conducted a Candy Cane Checkstop at Twp 562 and Hwy 897, no incidents to report.

On Dec. 25, Elk Point RCMP were in Frog Lake and at approximately 1:30 a.m., a vehicle was observed and the driving pattern was suspicious, a traffic stop was made and the driver was arrested for impaired driving. William Desjarlais (46) of Frog Lake was charged with impaired driving.

On Dec. 26, Elk Point RCMP conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle on Hwy 897, the driver had consumed alcohol, and he registered a warning on the roadside instrument and was given a roadside suspension.

On Dec. 31, Elk Point RCMP conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Range Road 41, there was an odor of marihuana in the vehicle. The driver was arrested for failing to comply with a court order he was remanded into custody after a bail hearing was completed.

Elk Point RCMP had numerous other calls of service for Domestic Violence incidents and Break and Enters in the area.

Ukrainian Dancers preparing for Malanka 2015

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club is deep in preparations for their annual Malanka celebration, which take place on Saturday, Jan.

17 at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

This gala event celebrates Ukrainian New Year's with a feast of traditional favourites, followed by a program that showcases the growing talents of the dancers,

from the tiny beginners to the graceful and well-practiced seniors, and is always a high point on Elk Point's winter social calendar.

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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs
Pharmacy Manager, Chris Letawsky

- Welcome to the first *Capsule Comments* of this New Year. Our resolution is to fill the column with interesting and useful tidbits of health information throughout the year. Our goal is to keep you informed about important health topics through the year.
- Speaking of resolutions, many people don't bother making them at all. Those that do, sometimes make too many. Not good. Pick one or two areas of your life that you'd like to change and set some realistic goals for those changes. Also, put a time limit on the goals, like 3 or 6 months. Shorter goals will enhance a feeling of accomplishment when you reach them.
- We've mentioned in this column before that writing down your goals is a positive way of helping you achieve them. Just seeing your goal on your bathroom mirror each day will help you keep on track. Also, tell a few good friends and relatives of your resolutions. They can be a great help in keeping your motivation.
- Some people are adversely affected by the short winter days with decreased sunlight. Their moods are affected causing irritability, fatigue, lack of interest in activities and inability to concentrate. Even sleeping and eating patterns are affected. The condition is called "Seasonal Affective Disorder" (SAD) and can be helped by using light therapy.
- Our pharmacists are familiar with lights used to treat SAD. We'd be happy to tell you all about them.

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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering **Bylaw No. 2014-40** which is a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 2013-50 and incorporate additions and changes as follows:

The Land Use Bylaw No. 2013-50, is hereby amended as follows:

Part 2 – General Administrative Procedures

Section 2.3 – Development Not Requiring a Development Permit
(16) Temporary accessory buildings may be exempted from regulations specified in this Land Use Bylaw at the sole discretion of the Development Authority.

Part 5 – Bylaw Amendment Process

Section 5.1 – Application for Amendment

(7) When an application for amendment has been defeated by Council, re-application shall not occur for that parcel of land for at least 6 months. Council may waive this waiting period by resolution.

Part 7 – Land Use Provisions

Section 7.1 – Above-Ground Storage Tanks for Combustible/Flammable Liquids

(1) The Development Authority may require that a storage tank over 230 litres in size be placed underground in the Country Residential and General Urban Districts if the proposed tank is to be used as a component vital to the operations of an approved development permit.
(2) Storage tanks over 230L for combustible/flammable liquids shall not be placed on lands within the Country Residential One, Country Residential Two or General Urban land use districts.

Section 7.30 - SEWAGE HOLDING TANKS

(1) On all parcels fronting onto named lakes, only self-contained sewage systems will be permitted to be installed or replaced. Self-contained Sewage Systems include, connection to a municipal system, municipal/private co-op systems and private sewage holding tanks that are constructed of reinforced pre-cast concrete and meet applicable/relevant CAN/CSA standards, but do not include non-concrete self contained sewage holding tanks, disposal fields, treatment mounds, pit privies, or any other approved system for the disposal of sewage or waste water on a parcel of land which results in the disposal of sewage and/or waste water into the ground.

Part 8 – Land Use Districts – Uses and Regulations

Section 8.2 – Agriculture (A) District

(3) – Discretionary Uses:
u. Stockpiling of Aggregate for Sale

Section 8.7 – Industrial/Commercial (IC) District

(3) – Discretionary Uses:
s. Stockpiling of Aggregate for Sale

A Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office (5015-49 Ave) in St. Paul. Copies of the Bylaw may be inspected during normal office hours at the County Office.

For further information, contact the County Office at 780-645-3301, ext 205.

Krystle Fedoretz, Planning & Development Officer
County of St. Paul No. 19
5015 - 49 Avenue, St. Paul, AB, T0A 3A4

EDITORIAL

How did we do?

At this time last year, we predicted that new homes would pop up in the new residential subdivision, and there they are, at least one totally finished, many nearing completion and more well on their way to housing new residents for the community, while others that were underway in various areas of the community are now complete and occupied as well.

We predicted more business expansion and the possibility of exciting new businesses moving into the downtown area. So far, one new business has opened its doors, and at least one other has announced the intention of following suit. The Co-op already has a new look inside and out, and we applaud their use of pictures of the Elk Point of years gone by to accent the interior décor, as their extremely time consuming project finally nears completion.

Our prediction that F. G. Miller High School's new gymnasium would spur its teams on to great achievements is a work in progress, but hosting the school's first-ever provincial championship competition was a huge start, and a big feather in their Crusader helmets.

Where do we go from here? With oil prices taking a very steep tumble, progress may not be fast, but it will continue at a slow and steady pace, and be ready to kick into high gear when prices come back up. Remember, it's been down there – a lot further down, actually – before, and has bounced back, bringing new enthusiasm in its wake.

When 2014 dawned, neither of Elk Point's new teams on the local hockey scene were on our radar, but the Elks are finally back in the SaskAlta Hockey League and becoming a force to reckon with, and we once again have a Girls' Storm team to our credit. Nor did we dream that our very own Sportshound, Doug Bassett, would become one of Canada's 10 Kraft Hockey Heroes. With that success, who can tell what might happen on the sports scene? We predict that the curling rink update will be complete in time for the Oilmen's Bonspiel, and that the outdoor washroom at the EcoCentre will be ready to welcome the 2015 Iron Horse Mini. (Remember: there are more sports out there than hockey and baseball).

Then there's the recreation and cultural scene, which has been going along at a leisurely pace for a while. We predict that hiring a new recreation director will speed things up, and that the new children's theatre, slated to make its onstage debut later this winter, will be a huge success. And we aren't ignoring rumors of a new and much larger library in Elk Point's future, either. Here's hoping!

Think positive thoughts, Elk Point... and Happy New Year!

FRESH START

Ring in 2015 with lifelong learning

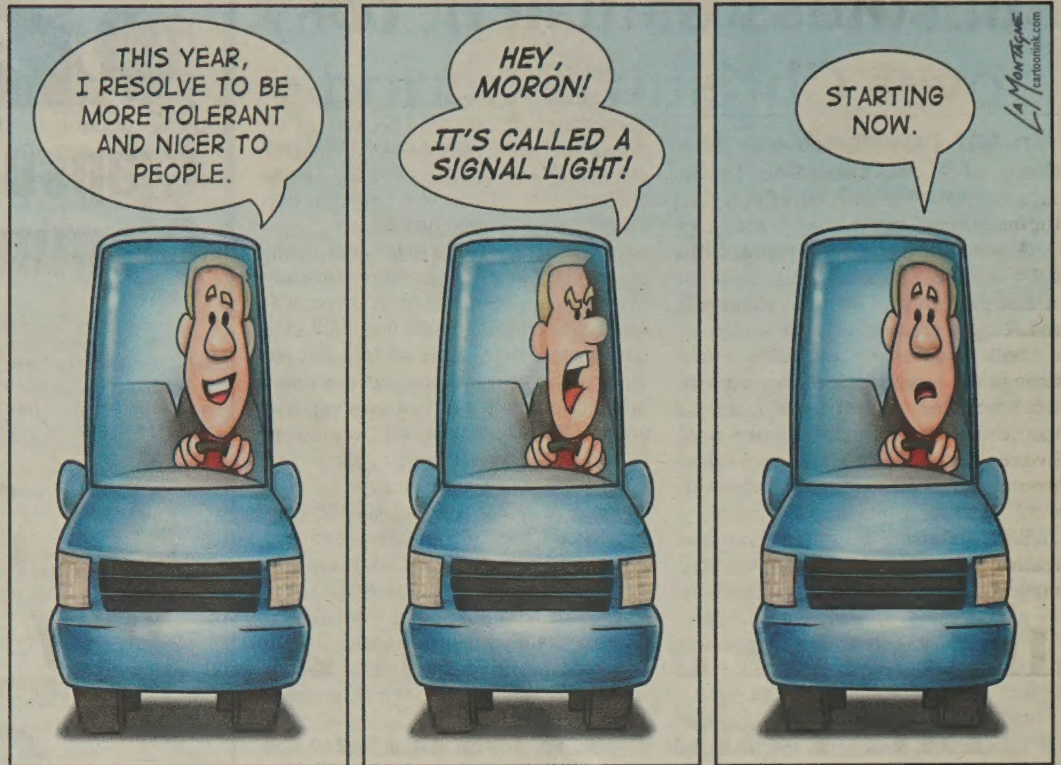
HEATHER COSENTINO
ABC Life Literacy Canada

The start of a New Year provides a wonderful excuse to get together with friends and family and brush up on your literacy skills.

Ring in 2015 together with these lifelong learning tips:

- Aim High. Gather your family together and have everybody write down at least three New Year's resolutions. When everyone has finished, take turns reading your resolutions out loud and discuss ways you could help each other to achieve them.

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WAY BACK WHEN....

Community services, instant rancher, Year 2000

HAPPY NEW YEAR! AS WE START 2015, LET'S LOOK BACK AT THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 6 IN...

1985

Santa and his reindeer and Mr. and Mrs. Snowman gathered on the Mikita family's lawn on Ravine Drive to provide a colourful welcome to visitors, including the Chamber of Commerce judges, who gave it first place in the residential lighting and decorating competition. A bouncing baby boy was delivered to Patricia Cuthand of Sputnikow on Jan. 2, becoming Elk Point's New Year's baby.

1990

Town council wound up the 1980s with a lengthy meeting that included visits by three delegations and dealing with some longstanding matters as well as preparing to start the new decade in an efficient and progressive manner, including startup for the new Community Services Department and declaring the town administration building, Community Services building and playschool as smoke-free areas. Elk Point Wolverines, coached by Gordon McCuaig and Allan Frankiw, won the eight-team Norcen Cup PeeWee Hockey Tournament, defeating St. Paul in the final.

1995

Quin Daricuk of Pierceland, Sask. became an instant rancher when his ticket was drawn in the Elk Point Agricultural Society's Instant Rancher Raffle, winning \$14,400 on the ticket he received as a Christmas gift from his wife. A new nine-page bylaw put the bite on Elk Point dog owners with two addi-

tional pages listing fines of up to \$1,000 for violations, third reading approved only after the deletion of one clause that would have made property owners responsible for dogs living on that property, even if owned by a renter.

2000

Elk Point welcomed the Year 2000 with horse drawn wagon rides, the antics of Popcorn the Clown, entertainment by Marge Heffernan, Dolly and Jos Hughes and their dancing dog Ike, and a huge and colourful fireworks display. County of St. Paul Reeve Robert Bouchard was predicting smoother progress in council, following 1999's reorganization that "placed us in a position where we thought the ratepayers wanted us to be," which included the termination of the enhanced policing "County Mountie" position, and the elimination of the practice of burying oil waste in roadbed construction or ecology pits.

2005

"It is in my culture to look after seniors," Mayor Parrish Tung told town council at the final meeting of 2004, as he pledged to make the town more senior-friendly, suggesting compiling a list of seniors living in their own homes as a registry of their needs, and finding volunteers who would be willing to "adopt a senior, even if thy just phone and ask how they're doing." Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club was putting the final touches on plans for their fifth annual Malanka celebration, which is both a New Year's celebration and a fundraiser for the club.

2010

Thirty-five sets of antlers were part of this year's Big Bucks Competition on New Year's Eve, with Jim Bodnar the mule deer winner, Ty Johre the youth whitetail winner and Brant Evans the adult whitetail winner. The sea can issue that had been underway since midsummer was back before town council, which turned down a request to locate one of the containers at the Elk Point Baptist Church for use as a storage building.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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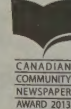


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Canada

'Business as usual' for 2015, says Reeve Upham

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Despite a few challenges in 2014, County of St. Paul Reeve Steve Upham says the past 12 months have been good for the St. Paul area.

A wet spring may have resulted in a delay in roadwork being done, but by the end of the season, nearly all the planned road construction was completed.

"We got 90 per cent of our work done in road construction," said Upham, when reflecting on the past year. He said that for local farmers, 2014 was a positive, especially for livestock producers who experienced one of the best years ever.

When talking road construction and roadwork, Upham says the county's biggest project was likely resurfacing

Murphy Road. Although the county still believes the province should take ownership over the road because of the heavy use of oil companies on the road, the county will continue to maintain the road.

This year, the county also put a heavier focus on oiling its roads and getting them into a more acceptable condition.

Another plus coming from 2014 is the fact that council was able to make a decision regarding bringing water to Ashmont/Lottie Lake. Council has decided to move forward with bringing EPCOR water to the communities by extending the line from Spedden.

Right now, council is looking at an expansion of the Ashmont lagoon, and is also exploring "the potential" of a lagoon at Lac Sante. The county will also be putting in an application for the

federal Build Canada Fund to replace distribution lines in Ashmont and potentially Lottie Lake.

Upham admits that given the current economic situation and the price of oil, the county will have to be cautious moving into the next budget cycle. Bonnyville and Cold Lake seem to be seeing the effects already, with Upham predicting that St. Paul will see the results of challenges to the economy ahead.

"We haven't yet, but we will," says Upham, adding, if oil prices remain low into the summer months, there will be a ripple effect across the entire province.

Other highlights of 2014 include: the completion of the Ashmont and Mallaig fire halls; the completion of the Final Mile, a rural initiative that has resulted in at least 90 per cent of county residents having access to high speed internet; and the completion of the retrofitting of the county's public works shop.

Into the new year at Elk Point Library

DAPHNE SCHNURER
Elk Point Municipal Library

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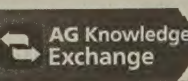
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Novice Avalanche sweep home tourney

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The World Juniors took a back seat to the Elk Point Novice Avalanche this weekend as the Avs won all three games of their six-team home tournament to take the 'A' side championship, cheered on by a sizeable crowd of parents, grandparents and siblings.

Elk Point started off with a decisive 8-4 win over St. Paul Canadiens on Saturday morning, following up with a 7-2 decision over Saddle Lake Warriors later in the day.

St. Paul also lost to Saddle Lake, and ended the tournament without a win, losing the 'C' final 9-8 to Boyle Blazers. Saddle Lake went on to win the 'B' final with a healthy 11-4 margin over Kitscoty Snipers.

The Bonnyville Pontiacs led the B pool coming into the final, with a win over Kitscoty and a tie against Boyle, but they were no match for the Avalanche, who never let them out of low gear throughout the 'A' final.

Elk Point was up four goals after the first period, with goals by Konnor Poitras, Kade Fontaine, assisted by Sam Rogal, Nic Penner, assisted by Nevur Howe, and Sam Rogal, assisted by Timmy Cardinal.

Two more goals added up to a hat trick for Kade Fontaine and along with one by Konnor Poitras, all unassisted, gave the Avs a 7-0 lead before the Pontiacs finally got the puck past Kale Hoeving, who may be small in size but is huge in goaltending talent, and fully deserving of the final game's Heart and Hustle Award. Poitras added another unassisted goal of

his own and a helper for the Avs' final scorer, Bo Fontaine, to make it 9-1 after two periods.

Bonnyville scored the lone goal in the third, bringing the final score to 9-2.

Atoms vs Storm

Following the end of the Novice tournament, Lori Poitras reports that, "Our girls played the Atom team and lost 4-1 but it was our best game of the season! Got our very first goal of the season, Halle Stybel scored and was assisted by Jenna Poitras! Had 13 shots on goal...the most we've had all year." Atom goals were scored by Jayden VanMaarion, assisted by Jagger Fontaine, Avery Warawa assisted by Rylee Warawa, Jagger Fontaine assisted by Joseph Theriault and Jayden Van Maarion unassisted.

Bantams

The Bantam Avalanche played in Lloydminster against the top team in the league and defeated them 7-5, with Brody Odgaard scoring two goals, Kaiden Evans-Anderson. Chad Poitras, Warren Ference and Austin Axley scoring one each, and Austin, Kaiden, Nicholas Anderson, Corbin Ockerman and Cyle Graus providing the assists.

On Sunday, the bantams played in Mallaig with a short bench of only eight skaters - the others all on the sick list - and lost 6-3, Brody, Christian Castle-Wasson and Kaiden scoring the Avalanche goals off assists by Kaiden, Cyle and Austin.

Pee wee tourney coming up

This weekend, the Pee wee Avalanche will be in the spotlight as they host their annual tournament. Make sure to come down and cheer on these hockey stars of the future!



THE WINNERS! Elk Point Novice Avalanche won all three of their games to take home the gold from the 'A' side of their home tournament. The team is made up of Nevur Howe, Kadyne Bourne, Timmy Cardinal, Kaleb Flamand, Konnor Poitras, Brendon Haesch-Baker, Sam Rogal, Vaughn Ockerman, Nic Penner, Seth Morton, Cash Capjack, Bo Fontaine, Kale Hoeving, Kade Fontaine, Ethan Castle-Wasson, Cole Pierce, Phoenix Quinney and Gavin Kadutski, who are coached by James Capjack, Shane Fontaine, Conrad Pierce, Dean Rogal and Robin Hoeving and managed by Tanya Fontaine.

Another win, loss for Elks

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks split the weekend, with a 5-3 win against the Vermilion Rock on Friday night and a 3-2 loss to Two Hills Longhorns on their Saturday road trip.

The Elks were first on the scoreboard on Friday, Chevy Botting scoring off assists by Myles Whitford and Devon Moneta just short of five minutes into the game, and held the 1-0 lead for almost 44 minutes, as both goalies withstood a hail of rubber. Going into another intermission with the lead proved not to be an option for the Elks, however, when the Rock surprised the home team with a pair of goals 14 seconds apart in the last 18 seconds of the second period.

Vermilion's lead lasted an entire 59 seconds of ice time, before Botting scored his second of the evening off another assist by Moneta, and made it a hat trick with another goal just over three minutes later, this time assisted by Lee Letestu, Myles Quinney taking only 12 seconds to add another marker right off the faceoff, assisted by Moneta.

Vermilion's best efforts to play catch-up resulted in just one more goal at mid-period,

and pulling the visitors' goalie at the end of the game gave the Elks the opportunity for Moneta to score a goal of his own, unassisted.

Two Hills 3, Elks 2

When the Elks visited the Two Hills Longhorns on Saturday evening, it took both teams quite a while to get past the formidable pair of goalies, the Longhorns scoring their first with only 34 seconds left in the first period. It took the Elks even longer before they lit the lamp on power plays twice midway through the second period, Myles Whitford assisted by Scott Ward and Craig Dallaire in the tying goal and Mark Brodwin assisted by Darren Ryan in the second to take the lead. That lead lasted a mere minute and a half before Two Hills tied it up again, adding a third and final goal early in the final frame for a one-goal lead that held on for the balance of the game.

The Elks are currently sitting third in the SaskAlta Hockey League with 18 points, behind Marwayne Comets, with 27 points and Hillmond Hitmen with 24.

The Elks have two home games this weekend, taking on Lashburn Flyers on Friday night and Neilburg Monarchs on Saturday night, both with an 8:30 start.

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June

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agreed that their commercial and industrial tax incentives would end on Dec. 31, 2014, leaving residential incentives in place for the time being... Grade 12 students Jarred Loughran, Russel Ference and Dayle Oster were F. G. Miller High's top Academic Honours students at Awards Day... Chief Napewaew Comprehensive School valedictorian Kyesha Stanley told 15 fellow grads that, "We are the leaders of tomorrow"...

Katelyn Boratynec was presented with the St. Paul Education Regional Division Grade 6 Academic Medal at Elk Point Elementary's awards day... Retiring teacher Debbie Poulin, emcee at F. G. Miller's graduation, said when she first met many of the students in Grade 7, she knew the group was both special and the last class she would see graduate prior to her retirement.

(To be continued in next week's issue)



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